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Honorable Val Peterson  
Administrator  
Federal Civil Defense Administration  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Peterson:

In the absence of Mr. Dulles, who is on an extended trip out of the country, I want to thank you for your letter of August 13 in which you invite him to address the October meeting of the Joint US/Canada Civil Defense Committee.

While Mr. Dulles expects to return around the middle of October, the exact date is not sufficiently certain for him to be able to count on being available the date you specify. Accordingly, he has asked that I attend in his stead.

If agreeable with you, therefore, it will be a pleasure for me to meet with the Committee in Battle Creek and to address the group along the lines you suggest. At your convenience, please let me know the other details such as: Address where meeting will be held, exact time and date, length of talk desired, whether you plan for a question period, and any other data you feel I will need.

Sincerely,

C. P. Oshell  
Lieutenant General, USAF  
Acting Director

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FEDERAL CIVIL DEFENSE ADMINISTRATION  
Washington 25, D. C.

Office of the Administrator

August 13, 1956

Honorable Allen W. Dulles  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

The fifth meeting of the Joint US/Canada Civil Defense Committee will take place at our headquarters in Battle Creek, Michigan, on October 18-19, 1956. This Committee was established in 1951 and serves as a medium for joint civil defense planning and operations between the two countries. The Committee's "Joint Working Groups" provide a day-to-day resource for cooperative effort and, at intervals, the full Committee meets to discuss important developments.

As civil defense in our country and in Canada becomes more the concern and responsibility of all officials, it seems appropriate that all Federal agencies be acquainted with the Joint Committee's activities and participate in its program. Consequently, you are invited to attend the October meeting and address the group. An explanation of our intelligence operations and a summary of latest intelligence information would be an extremely valuable contribution. All of those present will have a Top Secret security clearance, or its equivalent, but if you should decide to give an unclassified talk, this would be entirely satisfactory.

General Earle E. Partridge and Admiral Lewis L. Strauss are also being asked to participate in the program. The Honorable Paul Martin, Minister of the Canadian Department of National Health and Welfare, will co-chair the meeting with me.

If it is impossible for you to attend, I would appreciate your designating one of your top assistants to be with us.

Sincerely,

/s/ Val Peterson

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL CABELL

I understand Mr Dulles spoke with  
you about the attached before his  
departure.

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